FISHING IN NEW ZEALAND

Yesterday John went fishing with his brother. He caught 3 fish. He cooked one and ate it for dinner. It tasted really good. He gave one fish to his friend and put the third fish into the freezer. Tomorrow he is going to make fish soup.

Which verbs tell us what John did yesterday? Write them here:
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Do you like to go fishing?

There are laws about how many fish you can catch and how big they must be.

*Do not catch undersized fish
Try not to catch undersized fish. Use a big hook and bigger bait so that small fish do not swallow them. If you do catch an undersized fish, you must release it back in to the water.

Size limits
Find out the minimum legal size limits because there are large fines for breaking the law. The limits are so that fish can breed before you catch and eat them. Fish are measured from the tip of the nose to the “V” in the tail. Size limits vary. For example, the minimum size limit for snapper in the North Island is 27cm. In the South Island it is 25cm.

Daily limits
You should find out the maximum number of fish you can catch in one day. For example, in the Central area (East Coast, Wellington, Wanganui and New Plymouth), the limit on fish is 20, with no more than 10 snapper.
Go to the website www.fish.govt.nz and choose the ‘recreational’ option to find out the rules for your region.

undersized too small release set free minimum smallest maximum biggest

*Adapted from Recreational Fisher’s Handbook, Ministry of Fisheries 2010
# Common New Zealand fish

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Maui catches a fish

Maui wanted to go fishing with his brothers. “Please can I come with you?” he asked. But his brothers always said “No, you are too young to come with us”.

So one day when they were out fishing, Maui sat by the water and made a fishing line. As he worked, he said a karakia to make his line strong. He tied on a magic fish hook.

Next morning, the brothers paddled their waka out to sea again, but they did not see Maui hiding in the boat. When they discovered him they were very angry, but it was too late to go back.

The brothers laughed at Maui when they saw his little fishing line. “You won’t catch a fish with that!” they told him. Maui just smiled and threw his line into the water. His brothers soon stopped laughing, because they saw that he had hooked a fish.

And what a fish it was! This fish was so big that they all had to help to pull it out of the water. It was the biggest fish they had ever seen.

Maui had fished up an island! Today we call Maui’s fish, te ika a Maui, the North Island of Aotearoa/New Zealand, and his boat, te waka a Maui, is the South Island.

Draw a line from the word to its meaning:

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<td>Karakia</td>
<td>The Maori word for ‘canoe’ or boat</td>
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<td>Paddle</td>
<td>Old story</td>
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<td>Waka</td>
<td>A piece of land with water all around it</td>
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<td>Angry</td>
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<td>Discover</td>
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<td>Island</td>
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Talk about something really big. Is it the biggest you have ever seen? Then try these: smallest, cleanest, oldest, cheapest, longest
Fish soup

1 tablespoon oil
1 small onion
1 clove garlic, crushed
1 teaspoon paprika
1 – 2 teaspoons chilli paste
½ cup rice
4 cups water
2 tablespoons fish sauce
*500 grams fresh fish, diced
400 mls coconut cream
Coriander for garnish

*a firm fish eg monkfish is best for this soup

Chop the onion. Heat the oil and cook the onion for a few minutes until soft. Add the garlic, paprika, chilli paste and rice, and cook for 1 more minute. Add the water and fish sauce, and stir. Bring to the boil, then turn down the heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Add the fish and bring back to the boil.

Choose from these activities:

• compare the recipe for this fish soup with one that your learner knows
• help your learner to write down a fish recipe that s/he knows
• teach the cooking verbs used in the recipe: chop, heat, cook, add, boil, pour, reheat
• add to the list of cooking verbs pictured above eg dice, crush, garnish
• talk about different ways of cooking fish: frying, grilling, baking, poaching etc
• compare different fish eg using a firm fish for soup so that it holds together
• talk about/demonstrate quantities: cups, table/teaspoon, grams/milligrams etc
• shop for the ingredients and make the soup together! Talk about how it tastes.
• cut up the instructions, ask your learner to reassemble them in the correct